

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, as amended, in view of the following remarks.

The present invention as set forth in **amended Claim 1** relates to a method of treating mineral deficiency in a subject in need thereof, comprising:

administering to said subject an effective amount of a green coffee bean extract.

In contrast, none of Hasagawa (JP 06038723), Hasagawa (JP 10183164), UCC Ueshima (JP 2002285026), Tsuruizumi (JP 05236918), Osawa (US 4,798,732), Buchholz et al (US 5,888,549) and Chien et al (US 2003/0003212) disclose or suggest a method of treating mineral deficiency as claimed. All that the cited references disclose is that green coffee bean extract is added to a food or beverage. However, none of the references discloses or suggests that a mineral deficiency is treated in a subject in need thereof by administering to said subject an effective amount of a green coffee bean extract.

Therefore, the rejection of Claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Hasagawa (JP 06038723), by Hasagawa (JP 10183164), by UCC Ueshima (JP 2002285026), by Tsuruizumi (JP 05236918), by Osawa (US 4,798,732), by Buchholz et al (US 5,888,549); and under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by Chien et al (US 2003/0003212) and the rejection of Claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hasagawa (JP 06038723), Hasagawa (JP 10183164), UCC Ueshima (JP2002285026), Tsuruizumi (JP 05236918), Osawa (US 4,798,732), Buchholz et al (US 5,888,549), or Chien et al (US 2003/0003212) believed to be unsustainable as the present invention is neither anticipated nor obvious and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

This application presents allowable subject matter, and the Examiner is kindly requested to pass it to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the claims or otherwise wish to discuss this case, he is kindly invited to contact Applicants' below-signed

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representative, who would be happy to provide any assistance deemed necessary in speeding this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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